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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Fair.

TILLAMOOK, HAIL!

Tillamook City and county are in the very midst of their big fair and carnival, with thousands of people in there congratulating them on the event in progress, and on the coming of her commercial emancipation through the extension of the Hammond lines. It is too bad the merchants of Astoria could not be there in a body, as they would have been had the date been more propitious. They are up to their very eyes in the volume of business incident to the close of the salmon fishing season which winds itself out at high noon tomorrow, and forced to stay home and see it through. Their hearty good will is with the Tillamookians, however, and the coming intimacy of the cities and counties, will be sought and cemented at the earliest moment in the future possible. Will the people of Tillamook give her visitors a gentle steer towards this city and its boss regatta next week? We shall be glad to see them, and all the natives of our southern sister-country who can make it possible to get here. We have something to interest them.

POPULAR VOTE ON SENATORS.

It begins to look as if the grave question of electing United States Senators by direct vote of the people was taking definite shape, and finding endorsement in places hitherto indifferent to the policy. There can be no longer any doubt of the extreme vogue of the issue and the determination of its votaries to press it everlastingly to the very doors of the constitution, via the elements of government most radically affected by the great change. That all the technical forces inherent in the law will be invoked to repress and defeat the proposition, is morally certain, but once it becomes a cherished principle of the commonality, it will be but a matter of time before the last barrier will drop and the people will be in possession of the last franchise but one, which is not theirs.

The American, unlike his foreign brother, has the inestimable gift of poise, in the settlement of strenuous issues such as this. He conducts a mental revolution in securing what he wants, and abjures the physical demonstration as prejudicial to his liberty, and this is what makes him so successful in his pursuit of desired ends; and thus it will be in the campaign for the popular vote in this branch of government. He will get it, and get it through the law itself.

The so-called "potato king" is a shrewd negro by the name of Groves, who lives on a farm near Kansas City, Kan., and raises and sells more potatoes than any other man in the world. Besides his own production he buys and sells the potatoes of others. In Kansas City he maintains a commission office and employs some ten stenographers and bookkeepers. Realizing that such a large business needs a well-trained head, he has sent his son first to the Kansas Agriculture College for an education and then to a business college for a business education.

THE LATIN REVOLUTIONIST.

Wherever a drop of Spanish blood flows there will the spirit of revolt and turmoil exist. Uncle Sam will find, to his cost, that his Latin possessions and protectorates are running sores on the body politic, and almost irradicable. The flare in Cuba, the ceaseless trouble in the Philippines, are cases in point, and are typical of the course of repression that must be pursued through all the years to come. These people are constitutional revolutionists; happiest when fomenting trouble and patient in seeking out predicates for rows; they are miserable without something to shout and shoot at, and a thousand failures only serve to augment the spirit of mutiny.

WORRY MAKES DISEASE.

Do you remember the old style almanac of your boyhood? Perhaps you can see it, in your mind's eye, occupying its place of honor beside the kitchen stove—a household oracle, often consulted.

And do you remember how you, the boy, after puzzling over the zodiac which invariably appeared on the second page, and laughing for the hundredth time at the feeble jokes, began to read about the symptoms of disease for which the exploited patent medicine was a panacea?

For instance: You read that "shortness of breath and palpitation of the heart after vigorous exercise" was a symptom of heart disease. Sure. You had the symptoms. And for almost every ill described you could find a corresponding diagnosis.

Only you did not worry about it much. And in that respect you differed from the adult who gets a like idea from reading the advertisements of cure-alls and testimonials of marvelous recovery.

"As the man thinketh in his heart so is he."

MONEY FOR CATTLE; NONE FOR BABIES.

These college professors may not be so very far ahead of future legislation. We spend through Washington now \$7,000,000 a year in developing plant life, but not a dollar to discover a preventive for pneumonia. In 10 years the department of agriculture has expended nearly \$50,000,000 in developing products of the soil, but there is no bureau with money for the development of the more than 1,000,000 infants every year. It is true that Drs. Wiley, Atwater and Benedict have done wonderful work, but within a limited sphere, in the preservation of infant life. While they have worried for a little money to carry on experiments, a million has gone in stamping out cholera among swine. Professor Norton estimates that during the next census period more than 6,000,000 of infants under two years of age must succumb, yet with proper knowledge of preventable diseases this number could be cut in two.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Great Britain, it is said, eats in 13 weeks all the 73,000,000 bushels of wheat which it grows.

A jocular American once wrote Rudyard Kipling: "Hearing that you are retailing literature at \$1 a word, I inclose \$1 for a sample." Mr. Kipling sent him a single word—"Thanks"—and kept the dollar.

Farm hands are getting \$4 a day in some parts of Canada. The Dominion is really becoming worthy of notice.

A naturalist says that every time a farmer shoots a hawk he throws a \$50 bill in the fire, for though the bird takes an occasional chicken, it destroys at least a thousand rats, mice and moles every year. No bird that flies is of more benefit to the farmer.

Each year the poultry business is becoming more lucrative and now assumes proportions that will soon rival any branch of farm industry. Farmers are forced to acknowledge that the old hen can lift her own weight in raising a mortgage from the farm.

A Western paper says that you can tell a successful farmer by looking at his horses; you can tell a slovenly woman by looking at her hair; you can tell the dry goods box statesman by looking at the patches on the bosom of his pantaloons; you can tell the poisonous serpent by the bluntness of his tail, but the easiest thing of all, you can tell the enterprising merchant by a glance at the local papers. This is not Divine revelation, but it is business and gospel truth.

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